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AAA FACTS FOR CASSIA COUNTY FARMERS

The AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM, including the various phases which affect agriculture in Cassia County, is provided for by the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933.

The Major purposes of the act are:

(1) To conserve national resources and preventing the wasteful use of soil fertility in the interests of the individual and the public.

(2) To assist in the marketing of commodities for domestic consumption and export.

(3) To regulate interstate and foreign commerce in certain basic commodities, such as wheat, to the extent necessary to provide an orderly and balanced flow of such commodities to market.

(4) To provide, in so far as is practical, parity prices for farm commodities and parity in-

come to the farmer.

(5) To assist consumers to obtain an adequate and steady flow of farm commodities at a fair price to them.

In fulfilling these purposes, there are several ramifications to the act.

First, the program calls for national, state and county limitations as to the acreage of potatoes and wheat. The total allotted acreage for these two commodities will not produce in excess of normal consumptive needs to the consumer and to the farmer.

Second, a limitation has been placed on soil depleting types of crops in order to maintain soil fertility and not produce in excess of national needs to the extent that prices will be depressed.

Payments are made to farmers for not exceeding these allotments and for planting conserving crops, for range improvement practices, and for fertilizer applications in order to increase farmers' purchasing power which is fundamental to national prosperity. Of the farmland in Cassia county, 99.5 percent is signed under the program, and it is estimated that this year fully 8.2 % of the operators will comply. FOR COMPLIANCE IN 1933, CASSIA COUNTY RECEIVED NEARLY \$100,000.

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A phase of the program which provides for a more even flow of wheat to market is the WHEAT LOAN PROGRAM, made possible through the creation of the Commodity Credit Corporation. Farmers had the opportunity last year and have this year to secure loans on wheat at a price per bushel at least equal to the market price. Loans have tended to maintain a more even price level. Loans were made in 1938 in Cassia county on 72,880 bushels of wheat, with an average loan value of 50¢ per bushel. Interest in this program in 1939 is even greater than last.

In a further attempt to stabilize wheat growers' income from year to year a CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM on wheat has been made applicable throughout the county. Premiums are paid in wheat or cash equivalent, and when unpreventable losses occur indemnities will be paid from the accumulated premiums. In 1939, 4,100 acres of wheat in Cassia county were guaranteed a 75 percent normal yield. Several local producers are receiving indemnities because of the drought this year.

Other phases of the program which have applied to Cassia county were the purchase of surplus wheat and potatoes under the Federal Surplus Commodity Corporation. These purchases helped to relieve the price crisis which existed at the time they were made. The surplus

food was distributed to needy persons whose incomes did not permit adequate nourishment. Some of the wheat bought by the Surplus Commodities Corporation was exported with federal aid to help this nation maintain its fair share of the world market.

The COUNTY PROGRAM is administered by a county committee of three, and seven community committees with a membership of 28 who also administer the Sugar Act passed by Congress in 1937. The administration of the act is directly representative of the farmers since every farmer has a vote in electing his committee-men.

The SUGAR ACT PROVIDES for a processing tax which when collected returns to the farmer a price nearer to parity for sugar beets. In 1938 SUGAR BEET PAYMENTS TO FARMERS IN CASSIA COUNTY AGGREGATED \$ 169,152.17 AT A RATE OF \$1.30 PER TON.

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Information regarding the various phases of these programs may always be procured by contacting committeemen or the county office at Burley.

A STATEMENT FROM THE
CASSIA COUNTY AGRI-
CULTURAL CONSERVATION
ASSOCIATION